

REFUSE DISPOSAL

The term "refuse" used in this report is the one recommended by the American Public Works Association. It includes garbage, rubbish, ashes, street refuse, dead animals, abandoned automobiles, and industrial refuse. The importance of the proper disposal of refuse is obvious; an untidy city is no more attractive than an untidy home, and the neglect of garbage and other wastes is a menace to public health.

The City of Sanford has the authority to maintain the clean appearance and sanitary condition of public property. The City also has authority to control and provide for the disposal of private refuse: "The governing body may by ordinance provide for the removal of all garbage, slops, and trash from the city ... and also may require all owners or occupants ... who fail to remove such garbage or trash from their premises to have the garbage, slops, and trash ready and in convenient places and receptacles, and may charge for such removal the actual expense thereof". (G.S. 160-233)

Refuse Regulation

In order to contend with parties with untidy habits and to coordinate the efforts of individual householders and businessmen with the City's refuse collection service, Sanford has enacted ordinances which, on one hand, enumerate illegal practices, and on the other hand, indicate the actions that refuse producers should take in order that their trash be regularly and economically collected.

Collection and Disposal Services

The City provides collection and disposal services to all private homes, institutions, and commercial activities within the city limits, through the Department of Sanitation. Disposing of industrial wastes are the responsibility of the producing industries. Wastes must be properly packaged and located. Special charges are made for extraordinary collection, otherwise the collections are financed out of the general fund. The City also collects and disposes of street sweepings, dead animals, and other refuse that collects on public property.